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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **May 10 – May 17, 2010**. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov).

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## H1N1 Influenza Resources and Updates

### **Weekly FluView Map and Surveillance Report – CDC – May 14**

During week 18 (May 2-8, 2010), influenza activity decreased in the U.S. Twenty six (1.5%) specimens tested by U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories and reported to CDC/Influenza Division were positive for influenza.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

### **WHO Updates International H1N1 Situation - WHO – May 14**

As of 9 May, worldwide more than 214 countries and overseas territories or communities have reported laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic influenza H1N1 2009, including over 18,036 deaths.  
[http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010\\_05\\_14/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010_05_14/en/index.html)

### **Locate all H1N1 Flu and Public Health guidance documents**

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>

### **H1N1 Information for Healthcare Providers**

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/>

## Emergency Preparedness & Response

### **Oil Spill Response Resources – CDC – May 12**

Oil spill response workers may be exposed to many different chemical, physical, biological, and psychological hazards. These hazards vary depending on the type and location of the oil spill, type and stage of response, degree of coordination between entities involved in response and recovery, and the workers' specific tasks. Therefore, occupational and environmental hazards need to be identified, assessed, and monitored in each oil spill response.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/oilspillresponse/>

**Acute Antimicrobial Pesticide-Related Illnesses Among Workers in Health-Care Facilities - California, Louisiana, Michigan, and Texas, 2002 – 2007 –**  
**CDC/MMWR – May 14**

Health-care facilities use antimicrobial pesticides to prevent pathogen transmission from contaminated environmental surfaces. Occupational exposures to antimicrobial pesticides are known to cause adverse health effects. To assess the nature and frequency of such exposures in health-care settings, CDC analyzed data from pesticide poisoning surveillance programs in California, Louisiana, Michigan, and Texas (the only four states that regularly collect data on antimicrobial pesticide-related illness) for the period 2002 - 2007.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5918a2.htm>

## Food and Drug Safety

### **Multistate Outbreak of Human *E. coli* O145 Infections Linked to Shredded Romaine Lettuce from a Single Processing Facility – CDC – May 12**

Local and state public health officials in Michigan, New York, and Ohio are investigating human illnesses caused by *E. coli* O145. The CDC is supporting these investigations and facilitating regular communication and information sharing between the states and with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

[http://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/2010/ecoli\\_o145/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/2010/ecoli_o145/index.html)

### **FDA Revises Recommendations for Rotavirus Vaccines – FDA – May 14**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today revised its recommendations for rotavirus vaccines for the prevention of the disease in infants and has determined that it is appropriate for clinicians and health care professionals to resume the use of Rotarix and to continue the use of RotaTeq.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm212149.htm>

### **FDA: Serious Side Effects from Swallowing Topical Benadryl Product – FDA – May 12**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers about potentially serious side effects from mistakenly swallowing Benadryl Extra Strength Itch Stopping Gel, an over-the-counter (OTC) product that should only be used on the skin.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm211773.htm>

### **USDA Announces New Performance Standards for Salmonella and Campylobacter; New Standards Will Help Prevent Tens of Thousands of Illnesses Per Year – FDA – May 10**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced new performance standards to reduce Salmonella and Campylobacter in young chickens (broilers) and turkeys, fulfilling another key recommendation of the President's Food Safety Working Group.

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2010/05/0246.xml>

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